

Rhythms of Grace

“Find Your Rhythm”

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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” 2 Cor 5:17 NKJV

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.” Rom 8:1-2 NKJV

“For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.” Rom 6:6-7 NIV

“We all have a maggot in our past that can devour our future, if we let it” -Dr. Charles Brown

There is no future in the past -Pastor Tommy Barnett

Danger Signals

- Recurring problem with _____.

“But again he denied with an oath, ‘I do not know the Man!’” Matt 26:72 NKJV

- Will not _____.

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead.” Phil 4:12-13 NIV

- Easier to _____ torn relationships than mend them.

“I love the world; it’s people I can’t stand.” -Linus

“Sometimes we get tired of people and they are as welcome as poison ivy.” -Mark Twain

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

Eph 4:2-3 NIV

Killing Maggots

Step One: _____.

“...from everlasting to everlasting you are God.” Psalm 90:2 NIV

Father, my past is past. I cannot change it. I will not continue to deny it or ignore it. But you can change it. Kill the maggot Lord! Clean out the garbage. Forgive me for waiting so long to ask for your help. I want to be free. Thank you for freeing me now. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Step Two: _____ to the Power of the Cross.

“For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.”

Rom. 6:6-7 NIV

“In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.” **Rom 6:11 NIV**

Thank you, Father, for releasing me from all my past sin. Thank you for taking away the judgment of my past, the guilt of my past, the shame of my past. Thank you for not only forgiving my past but also for destroying the maggot!

Step Three: _____.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” **1 John 1:9 NKJV**

“So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.” **Rom 8:1-2 NLT**

Concl: Paul’s secret to a maggot-free soul: *“For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many Jews of my own age and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. **But when God,** who set me apart from birth and called me by his grace...”*

Gal. 1:13-15 NIV

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” **2 Cor. 5:17 NIV**

Next Steps:

- 1. Stay on beat! Come every week for this series.**
- 2. Sign-up for Discovering Life on April 30.**
- 3. E-discipleship online www.stonecreekwired.com**

Translations Used: NKJV: New King James Version; NIV: New International Version; NLT: New Living Translations.